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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN SCIENCE OFFICIAL URSU DISCUSSES GOR
REQUIREMENT FOR CANDU NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR

1. ON APRIL 30 PROFESSOR IOAN URSU, CHAIRMAN, ROMANIAN
STATE COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY AND PRESIDENT NATIONAL
COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CALLED BRIEFLY ON OES
ASSISTANT SECRETARY IRVING AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED
ROMANIAN DESIRE FOR ADVANCE ASSURANCES RE ACQUISITION OF
CANDU NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS WITH
OES/NET DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KRATZER. KRATZER
PROVIDED URSU WITH FORMULATION ASSERTING USG WILLINGNESS
TO REVIEW "IN AN AFFIRMATIVE POLICY FRAMEWORK" AND, AS
REQUIRED BY US LAWS AND REGULATIONS, ON A CASE-BY-CASE
BASIS, EXPORT REQUESTS IN CONNECTION WITH ROMANIAN
ACQUISITION OF COMPONENTS PRODUCED BY US COMPANIES AND
THEIR CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES FOR CANDU NUCLEAR

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POWER REACTORS THE PURCHASE OF WHICH GOR IS NOW SEEKING

TO NEGOTIATE WITH CANADA. HE ADDED THAT THIS STATEMENT WAS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PURCHASE OF THESE REACTORS WOULD BE COVERED BY AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROMANIA AND CANADA CONTAINING SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS "SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH WE WOULD CURRENTLY REQUIRE OURSELVES." HE INDICATED THAT WHILE WE BELIEVED

PRESENT CANADIAN POLICY WOULD RESULT IN SUCH PROVISIONS, THIS WAS THE RESULT OF CANADIAN DECISIONS WHICH HAD NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INFLUENCED BY USG. URSU STATED HE WOULD PROBABLY VISIT CANADA FOR A FEW DAYS AT THE END OF HIS US STAY (I.E., AFTER MAY 8) AND ASKED WHETHER HE COULD TELL THE CANADIANS THE US POSITION. KRATZER ASSURED HIM HE COULD. URSU SEEMED SATISFIED WITH USG FORMULATION. CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR NUTTING WAS GIVEN COPY OF KRATZER'S TALKING POINTS ON MAY 4.

2. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR BOGDAN TOLD EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE MAY 3 THAT URSU IS INDEED "QUITE PLEASED" WITH THIS FORMULATION, WHICH HE TERMED "SOME PROGRESS". BOGDAN SAID URSU'S PLANS FOR CANADIAN STOPOVER STILL NOT FIRM, BUT INDICATED POSSIBILITY VERY MUCH ALIVE.

3. DURING LENGTHY AND FRIENDLY EXCHANGE THE SUBJECT OF ASSURANCES RELATED TO THE ROMANIAN "HOT CELL" PURCHASE WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS AND OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST TO URSU ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7 WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON.

4. FYI ONLY: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO SEE URSU. WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY SCHEDULED A CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY SISCO MAY 7 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING CEAUSESCU'S MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT FORD. END FYI.

5. ALL INDICATIONS TO DATE ARE THAT URSU VISIT IS OFF TO A GOOD START. SISCO

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